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SUBJECT: LOS: SENATE PASSAGE OF 200-MILE FISHERIES

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1. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE ON FEBRUARY 4
CARRIED SHORT REUTERS ITEM ON PAGE 4 DATED
FEBRUARY 3 REPORTING THAT WEST GERMANY HAD EX-
PRESSED REGRET THAT US INTENDED TO FOLLOW ICELAND
AND EXTEND FISHERIES LIMITS TO 200 MILES. ARTICLE
IMPUTED TO STATE SECRETARY LOGEMANN OF FRG AGRICUL-
TURAL AND FOOD MINISTRY STATEMENT THAT IT WAS RE-
GRETTABLE THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD HAVE ANNOUNCED ITS
INTENTION JUST BEFORE UN LOS CONFERENCE RESUMES ITS
WORK IN NEW YORK.

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2. EMBASSY HAS CHECKED WITH PRESS OFFICE OF FEDERAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY AND WITH LOS STAFF OF FOREIGN OFFICE AND HAS DETERMINED THAT LOGEMANN AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FISHERY QUESTIONS ON FEBRUARY 3 MADE ONLY FOLLOWING STATEMENT, ACCORDING TO PRESS OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY, WHICH FOREIGN OFFICE LOS TASK FORCE MEMBER STATES HAD BEEN CLEARED WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE:

BEGIN QUOTE

THE CONGRESS AND THE SENATE AGREED ON A LAW CONCERNING THE INTRODUCTION OF A 200-MILE ZONE. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, PRESIDENT FORD DOES NOT WISH TO VETO THE LAW IF IT DOES NOT COME INTO FORCE BEFORE MID-1977 AND IF IT CONTAINS PROVISIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE POSSIBLY INTERVENING INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION IS TO HAVE PRECEDENCE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THE MAINTENANCE OF GERMAN FISHING RIGHTS; SUCH DISCUSSIONS ARE TO BE SUCCEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY NEGOTIATIONS OF THE EC WITH THE USA. THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR CANADA. END QUOTE

3. COMMENT: ALLEGED PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF REGRET AND REFERENCES TO ICELAND THUS WERE APPARENTLY EMBELLISHMENTS BY REUTERS REPORTER, AND WERE NOT MADE TO MEDIA BY ANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN. US/FRG DISCUSSIONS REFERRED TO ARE THOSE REPORTED BY BONN'S 15305 AND REGULAR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BY EMBOFFS WITH FRG FISHERY EXPERTS. REFERENCE TO TRANSITION FROM FRG/US BILATERAL TO EC/US NEGOTIATIONS REFLECTS FRG SUPPORT WITHIN EC FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CURRENT EC POSITION RE FISHERY MATTERS VIS-A-VIS US, CANADA AND OTHER NON-EC STATES.

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